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THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Tuesday Morning, Nov. 26, 1867.
TO ADVERTISERS.
Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance or insure insertion.
TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

NANAIMO AGENCY.
Mr H. W. Alexander is no longer authorized to act as Agent of this paper at Nanaimo. Our business at that place will in future be conducted by Mr S. D. LEVI, who is alone empowered to receipt for subscriptions, &c.

The New Westminster letter of the London Morning Post, which appeared in these columns a few days ago, disclosed one important fact, viz., that there will be a fresh deficit in the public accounts at the end of the year of \$250,000! This large sum, added to the amount already owing, will swell the Colony's indebtedness to the enormous figure of \$1,350,000! As the statement unquestionably emanates from an official source, and is evidently "by authority," we are bound to accept it as being at least not an exaggeration of the estimated amount of the deficiency. We are not, however, equally bound to accept the explanation of the correspondent, as to how this deficiency was occasioned, as equally correct, for the reason that we have at hand the means of convicting him of at least an utter ignorance of the causes from which the evil has resulted. The correspondent says that the deficiency is "mainly attributable to the extraordinary omission of the Home Government, while framing the Imperial Act of Union, to telegraph or give timely notice of the passing of the bill to the British Columbia Government," for during the "three months" (the actual time was three months and a half) that elapsed between the passing of the bill and the proclamation of Union here, on the 19th of November, 1866, "Victoria speculators" took advantage of the "Free Port" to "lay in at least a year's stock for the whole united Colony of liquors, tobacco and other goods," thus depriving the revenue of the benefit of the Customs duties upon these goods. If the three months were of such vital importance to the future well-being of the Colony, Governor Seymour might have shortened the period by at least a fortnight, had he done what a wise ruler would have done, prepared his Union proclamation before arriving and issued it on the day succeeding the one on which he landed here. But what was the policy pursued? A fortnight elapsed between the arrival of the Governor and the appearance of the proclamation—two weeks fraught with momentous consequences to the revenue, if the Morning Post's correspondent is to be believed—during which period "Victoria speculators" (great stress is laid upon this term in the letter!) had ample opportunity to "lay in" large additions to their stocks. We contend, however, that the correspondent has been guilty of a misstatement, and will bring facts and figures to convict him. In the first place, during the "three months" in which such dire mischief was wrought to the revenue by "Victoria speculators," only two ships arrived from England at Victoria. They were the H. B. Co.'s bark "Prince of Wales" and the ship "Royal Tar." Both ships landed full cargoes; but the merchandise they brought was ordered months previous to the passing of the Act of Union. The Royal Tar sailed from London four months and the Prince of Wales two months, before the Union Act was introduced into Parliament. The cargo of the first-named ship was laid on our wharves in October; while that of the Prince of Wales was not entered at the Custom-house until the 31st of October—both of which, had Mr Seymour possessed the ordinary ability of a business man, he might have avoided by returning promptly to his post. The Union Act received the Royal assent on the 6th August, 1866. On the 17th of the same month Governor Seymour should have been on his return to this Colony. From that day until the 5th of October ample time was afforded in which to reach the Colony; his proclamation could have appeared on the day following, and thus one month and a half of the "three months" might have again been saved and the two cargoes referred to would have been subject to the Tariff. Thus we see that even with the extraordinary omission of the Home Government to announce the passing of the Act by telegraph, Mr Seymour was alone to blame for the loss of at least one month and a half of precious time, the importance of which, however, is greatly overstated by the writer, as will be

seen on comparison of a statement of the imports of the Island during the three months which the Post's correspondent claims were fraught with such dire consequences to the Colony with a statement of the imports of the Island during a corresponding period of 1865:

1866.	1865.
August....\$126,759	August....\$286,501
September... 168,530	September... 224,766
October..... 326,530	October.... 196,500
\$621,819	\$707,767

It will be observed from the above that the imports during the three months of 1865 exceeded the imports of the corresponding period in 1866 by \$85,948—a circumstance which furnishes a positive contradiction of the assertion of the correspondent of the Post. It is quite true that in the month of October, 1866, a quantity of tobacco, groceries and flour were prudently imported from California to escape the coming tariff—a circumstance which, had the Governor been here or attending to his duty might have been prevented; but the quantity was insufficient to affect the revenue more than \$20,000, and it is untrue to assert that "liquors" were imported during the same period in large quantities, or in any quantity at all. It is well known that the amount of liquor brought by the "Royal Tar" and the "Prince of Wales" was less than constituted the average of the cargo of nearly every previous ship from England. The market of Victoria was choked with liquors at the time. It had been overstocked with liquors for two years. The auction rooms were full of spirits and ales which were sold far, far below first cost in London. Times were "hard," and neither "Victoria speculators" nor speculators from abroad had the means to invest largely in the purchase of articles so unsaleable. A few stocks were augmented and held for a rise after Union; but, as a general rule, until very recently, liquors and ales have been sold at a great sacrifice, simply because the market was overstocked with the accumulated imports of several years under the free port system. We contend, therefore, that the position of the Post's correspondent is untenable. First, if we give him the benefit of his assertion that had telegraphic notice of Union been sent a large amount of revenue would have been secured, which was irretrievably lost, we have shown that Mr Seymour might have arrived—aye, ought to have arrived—in the country one month and a-half before he really did arrive, and that he could have thus at least secured the duties on October's imports, which foot up \$326,530. Second, we have shown that so far from the assertion that an unusual quantity of goods was imported during the three months (and a-half) intervening between the passage of the Act and the Proclamation of Union, being correct, the total of the imports during that period was \$85,948 less than for the corresponding period in 1865. The letter in the Post was written with an object. It was intended to excite the wilful neglect of business and the extravagance of the Executive to which alone is truthfully to be attributed the lamentable state into which the Colony has fallen. The letter is unmistakably a bantling of the Colonial Secretary or of some one assisting him. A deficiency of \$250,000! More than one-third less revenue than the estimate! We say nothing of the wonderful financial ability of Mr Birch when he made so great a blunder in the estimated revenue. He may be a very, very shrewd man; but if this be a sample of his ability, heaven preserve the Colony from any further exercise of it.

THE ECONOMY OF HEALTH.—This busy nation of Americans have 12,000,000 working people, whose services may be estimated at \$2 a day, and their annual loss by sickness at an average of ten days each in the year. This gives a total loss of \$240,000,000 a sum three times as large as the whole cost of the General Government, including the Army, Navy, Post Offices, Legislators, Foreign Ministers and all. The amount weighs over six hundred tons in pure gold. A large proportion of this costly suffering might be averted by attention to diet, cleanliness, and above all, by the proper use of the right remedy in season. When a 25 cent box of Ayer's Pills will avert an attack of illness which it would take several days to recover from, or a dollar bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla will expel a lurking disorder that would bring the sufferer to his back for weeks or months, does it take any figures to show that good economy of the investment? When Fever and Ague is rankling in your veins and shaking your life out of you, is it worth the dollar it costs for his AGUE CURE to have the villainous disorder expelled, which it does surely and quickly? When you have taken a cold it is prudent to wait until it has settled on the lungs, when days or weeks or months must be spent in trying to cure it, even if it can be cured at all, or is it cheaper to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, costing a few shillings, and remove the trouble before it is serious? It takes no wisdom to decide,

By Electric Telegraph
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST
LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES
Washington Territory.
OLYMPIA, Nov. 26.—The owners of the opposition steamer New World sold out to the old line on Saturday last. Captain Finch and associates now control both steamers. The New World did not leave her wharf this morning. The Anderson sailed at 7 a.m., taking the mail, freight and passengers.
A young man, supposed to be of Jewish descent, named Clifford, employed at the Tacoma Hotel as steward, destroyed himself by taking morphine. He died about 11 o'clock this morning. The cause is said to be unrequited love and dissipation.

The Real Meaning of the Reconstruction Acts of Congress.
[From the Round Table.]
The plain meaning of the pseudo-Reconstruction acts of Congress, now being pushed to their most merciless consummation, is simply this:—First—To register in the South the entire negro population and such whites as may unite with them in supporting the radical party in Congress. Second—To prohibit the registration of the vast majority of the whites who have a real interest in the quiet and prosperity of the country. Third—To submit to the voters of the States thus registered the question whether they will or will not hold a convention for the reconstruction of their States under the Congressional plan. Under this mode of procedure it may be seen what a hopeful future is before the South and the whole country. Either the States will vote for convention or for no convention. The white vote will be largely cast against convention; for the present military rule, with all its disadvantages, at least affords protection, while reconstruction such as has been perpetrated in the State of Tennessee gives little protection but to negro brigands. The radical whites and the negro voters who are interested in subverting all decent rule and authority will of course unite in favor of convention. Now, suppose—although the case is hardly possible—that the convention is by such a mockery of suffrage rejected. Then the radicals will avail themselves of the cry of Southern contumacy; Mr Stevens' "mild confederation" is brought into play; the South is wholly ruled by this villainous atrocity for merely saying, as our generous Congress has invited her to say, that she prefers the rule of military satraps to the harder rule of uneducated negroes and braves. On the other hand, suppose—and this is the only supposition by the registration which is being made—that a convention is desired. Then it is practically a negro convention. It will frame a constitution that will throw the whole power of the State into the hands of negroes and white men who hope to profit by the suffrage of negroes. The proscription of white men will be more sweeping than Congressional proscription. Confiscation of the property of white men by their negro rulers will be sure to follow; and the indirect confiscation will be more destructive than confiscation outright. The ruling class, having no property themselves, will look upon the transfer of their subject's property into their own possession as the one great end of government. With a peniless negro Legislature to tax, and defenceless white men to be taxed, the issue cannot long be doubtful. In every county taxes will be laid in the same way by negroes upon white men. In the towns and cities negro councilmen will vote themselves large salaries, create unnecessary offices for purposes of plunder, and for like ends undertake enormous jobs of fanciful public improvement. Justice administered by negro magistrates will be a farce; redress of wrongs will be impossible. Liberty of outrage will amply secured. The liberty of death will be the only liberty secured to men whose crime is that they were born white.

Horrible Effect of Spiritualism.
A young Philadelphian named Winmore murdered an old woman more than sixty years of age, last spring. He cut her throat in her own house. On Thursday he suffered death for his brutal crime. Winmore was a spiritualist, deeply imbued with the superstitions and beliefs of that sect, and his conduct before his execution, and while on the scaffold, showed to what a height of blasphemous folly the teachings of that creed can lead a depraved mind. Unlike other criminals, who are worked up to a sublimely disgusting frenzy by religious enthusiasts and the compassionate jailer with his whisky flask or opium pipe, Winmore was subjected to no outside influences. He refused the attendance of clergy within his cell or upon the scaffold, but he was strong in his own belief. He said he was glad to die, that he had no fear of death, and spoke in the most flippant manner of his execution, saying that before his body was cut down he would be looking at it in the spirit. He also saw and talked with angels, the spirits of those he had known on earth, who, he said, were waiting to conduct him to his "mansions above." Their "bright influences" continually surrounded him; millions of them, "in uniform," thronged the call of the condemned murderer, and "controlled" him.—But these superstitions, which would if truly believed, have moved a gentler mind to pleasant emotions, served only to gratify the revengeful anticipations of the murderer of old Mrs Magilton. He predicted he would appear upon earth after his death, and "I'll bet," said he, "I'll make District Attorney Man pull the bedclothes over his head." He also vowed to harass the newspaper reporters by appearing at their bedside in the spirit—evidently unaware that these gentlemen never go to bed until daylight. In fact, he seemed anxious for death, that he might put in execution his plans of revenge. At the gallows he displayed the same spirit, asserting his innocence and calling upon God to render him the justice which he had been unable to secure from men. "As Christ died for a principle," said he in a flight of blasphemous imagination as he stood with the rope about his neck, "so do I die. For myself I care nothing." With this strange jumble of malice and superstition, bravado and mock heroism, the blood-stained criminal departed to test the reality of the spiritual visions which he saw or pretended to see; and we doubt whether any one's sleep will be disturbed by his spiritual presence. Was this insanity? The superintendents of three insane asylums petitioned for a respite, but Governor Geary would not hear of it. It was moral insanity—gross depravity excited by the folly of spiritualism.—Boston Post.

New Advertisements.
NOTICE
A STRAYED
A WHITE AND RED COW, DRY, with crumpled horns and a good many wrinkles on same; has been taken possession of while trespassing. The owner can have same by paying damages and other expenses.
J. G. NORRIS,
General Agent, Fort street no26
Victoria, Nov. 26, 1867.
NOTICE.
In the Matter of the Assignment of Kent & Evans.
PARTIES INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE of the above are requested to settle their accounts forthwith.
We have authorized Mr Charles Kent to make collections and to give receipts.
THOS. LETT STAHLSCHEIDT, Assignee.
GEO. J. FINDLAY,
Victoria, V.I., Nov. 26, 1867. no26
Anniversary Meeting of the St. Andrew's Society.
THE ANNUAL MEETING, FOR INSTALLING OFFICERS, of the St. Andrew's Society will take place in St. Andrew's Church, Broughton street, on SATURDAY, the 30th inst., at FIVE o'clock.
The **ANNUARY DINNER** of the Society will take place, at the Colonial Hotel, Government street, at six o'clock on the evening of St. Andrew's Day.
Tickets—price \$2.50—may be had from the Officers of the Society or from Mr Dring.
no26
VICTORIA & NAVAL SUBSCRIPTION
HURDLE RACES,
BEACON HILL.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1867
Victoria and Naval Purse.—Value \$50. Entrance \$2.50 added (Amateur riders only.) Weight, 12 stone. Distance 2 miles.
City Purse.—Value \$40. Entrance \$2.50 added. Mile heats. Open to all horses excepting the winner of the first race. Weight, 10 stone.
Consolation Stakes.—Value \$20. Entrance \$1. Post Entry. Catch weight. Open to everybody and everything. Mile heats.
All horses to be ridden in colors, to be named at the time of entry.
Four horses to start or no race.
Entries to be made at the "Beehive Hotel," previous to 10 o'clock on the evening of the 3rd December.
First race to start at Half-past Twelve o'clock, sharp.
All disputes to be settled by the Stewards whose decision shall be final.
Stewards.—Lieut. Brooke, R. N., Thos. Harris, Esq., Michael Wallace, Esq.
Judge and Starter.—A. Bunster, Esq.
Clerks of the Course.—W. J. Callingham, Capt. Clarke.
EDWD. R. THOMAS, Hon. Sec and treasurer.
no22
VEGETABLES.
JOHN FENERY OFFERS FOR SALE his own produce, and guarantees to keep on hand GOOD POTATOES, or no sale. Also, Celonies, Carrots, Cabbage and Turnips, Wholesale and Retail.
Will also supply Shops, Restaurants, and Families, and delivered at short notice.
Orders may be left at his Store, Yates street, one door below Oriental Alley, or at his house, on Mount Tomlin Road.
no22 Im

LONDON HOUSE,
Government Street, }
October 6, 1867.
WE HAVE JUST OPENED a splendid Stock of Goods for the **FALL & WINTER TRADE,** comprising all the **LATEST STYLES**—
DRESS GOODS, SHIRTS, SHAWLS, MANTLES, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, LACE GOODS, UNDERCLOTHING, BABY LINEN, CLOTH, FANCY GOODS.
The very best makes of Flannels, Calicoes, Sheetings, Linens, Hosiery, Gloves and General Drapery Goods.
J. H. Turner & Co.,
VICTORIA.
J. P. TUNSTALL & CO., }
London. no8

Dissolution of Copartnership.
THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of DUNLOP & LESTER, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. J. T. Dunlop will continue the Livery business, and all debts due the firm will be received for by the undersigned, all liabilities will be discharged by J. T. Dunlop.
J. T. DUNLOP,
PETER LESTER.
no20 Im
Victoria, 7th November, 1867.
NOTICE.
ALL ACCOUNTS DUE TO THE LATE firm of JOHN BANKS & CO., of Yates street, must be paid, before the Fifth of December instant, to the undersigned or they will be placed in the hands of a Solicitor for collection.
no21 td
E. HARRISON.
NOTICE.
In the matter of the Assignment of Kent & Evans.
ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE of the above must be handed to the undersigned on or before Saturday, the 30th inst., or claimants cannot participate in the first dividend.
THOS. LETT STAHLSCHEIDT, Assignee.
GEO. J. FINDLAY,
Victoria, V.I., 20th November, 1867. no21 td
DISSOLUTION.
THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of Lachapelle & Harman, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent.
Jno Lachapelle will continue the business on the same premises, to whom all debts due the firm must be paid, and by whom all liabilities will be discharged.
Victoria, V.I., Nov. 26, 1867.
[Signed] J. HARMAN.
Witness—Gomer Johns, JNO. LACHAPELLE.
no21 1w*

TO BE LET OR SOLD,
THE FARM AT SOUTH SAANICH formerly occupied by Mr H. Simpson, being 1. E. 6, 7 and 8 S., and Eastern half of T. R. and 6 S., containing about 360 Acres, with all necessary Farm Buildings. A large portion is fenced and under cultivation.
Apply to THOS. ALLOP,
no8 1m2p
Government street, near Broughton
CODFISH.
6,000 LBS. NORTHERN DRY SALT Codfish, this Summer catch.
For sale by E. B. MARVIN,
no13 Im
Wharf street.

New Advertisements.
BEST CLOTHING STORE,
OPPOSITE POST OFFICE,
W. WILSON'S.
CLOTHING
—AND—
UNDERCLOTHING
BEST VALUE, BEST QUALITY,
LARGEST ASSORTMENT
RECEIVED LAST STEAMER.
To Visitors from California, Oregon,
the Sound, &c.
AT
VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS,
VICTORIA, V.I.
Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles, the Goods being imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White & Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c.,
Also on Hand in Great Variety.
Wm. DENNY, Manager;
no11

PUBLIC NOTICE.
MESSRS FELL & CO.
Beg to inform their friends and the public in general that they have taken the Store lately occupied by Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, into which they have removed.
They take this opportunity of thanking their old customers for their liberal support, and to solicit that of those who have dealt with Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, assuring them that every effort will be made (by keeping an assortment of all the choicest articles that can be obtained) to rival the best Groceries on the Pacific coast, and to prove themselves worthy of patronage.
All Goods, whether for the Royal Navy, at Esquimalt, or any part of the City or Suburbs, will be promptly delivered FREE OF COST.
An abundant supply of
FRESH EGGS AND BUTTER received every week from the outlying districts.
FELL & COMPANY,
Tea, Coffee and Spice Merchants and General Grocers,
FORT STREET.
no7

Cheap Meat!
Cheap Meat!
—AT THE—
PANDORA MARKET,
GOVERNMENT STREET.
GEORGE MANUEL
HAVING OPENED the above Market, is prepared to sell Meats of the best quality
Cheaper than any other Shop in Victoria
Beef 12½ to 15 cents per lb.
Mutton 12½ to 15 cents per lb.
Other Meats in proportion.
NAVY MESSES
FAMILIES, HOTELS AND SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH THE BEST OF MEATS, and DELIVERED CARRIAGE FREE.
no14 1m2p
THOMAS HARRIS. **JOHN MURRAY**
VICTORIA.
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS,
Butchers & General Dealers in Meats & Vegetables.
SUPERIOR ISLAND FED MEAT ALWAYS ON HAND.
NAVY MESSES, FAMILIES, HOTELS and SHIPPING supplied upon short notice with the best of Meats, on reasonable terms. All Goods delivered free of charge.
July 1, 1867. no* 2p

LONDON MARKET
Reynolds & Botterell,
Corner Yates & Douglas Streets.
ISLAND FED MEAT
Of the Finest Description, from their own Ranch.
Families and Shipping Orders promptly attended to. Contracts entered into for the supplies on board H. Ships on favorable terms, and delivered carriage free.
no9

Oil Cloth.
MICHAEL NAIN & CO.'S SCOTCH Oil Cloth, just received.
For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES
no19
Scotch Oatmeal.
BEST SCOTCH OATMEAL, IN 25 AND 50 lb. Tins. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
no19
Lee & Perrin's Sauce.
SOLE AGENTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
no19
Ind Coope & Co's India Pale Ale,
OF VERY SUPERIOR QUALITY. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
no19
Marrian's XXX Ale, IN KEYS, IN FINE ORDER. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
no19
Boiled Linseed Oil IN DRUMS. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
no19
Plaster of Paris. FOR SALE BY JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
no19
New Goods, Just Landing,
EX BARK "AVA."
200 cases Devoe's Coal Oil;
200 bxs No. 1 French Candles, Heavy;
175 bxs New Malaga Raisins, in bxs, hlf-bxs and qr-bxs;
10,000 lbs. (A) Cal. Crushed Sugar;
10,000 lbs. Yellow Coffee Sugar;
300 reams Straw Paper, 20x30;
50 doz Cal Brooms, No. 1, 2 and 3;
And a GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF GOODS, which the undersigned offer for sale at the Lowest Market Rates.
(MILLARD & BERDY,
no12
Wharf street.

Tuesday Morning, Nov. 26, 1887.

Letter from Cariboo.

Editors, COLONIST:—Since my last considerable mining has been going on, both on Mosquito and Red Gulches, with good results. The Minehaha company last week washed up about 80 ounces, Willow company 115 ounces. Big Head continue to prospect in their new shaft. Hocking and Point companies, pushing their tunnels ahead vigorously. The Tabb, Holman and Discovery companies on Mosquito Gulch have suspended operations for the season. Rising Sun company have been doing better the past week than formerly. On

RED GULCH.

The Discovery company took out about 40 ounces for the week. Montana company still running a prospect tunnel. Blacksmith company struck a new shaft. Butcher company, ditto. Catch-it-if-you-can company cleared up about 25 ounces for the week. Tip and Slatash company are getting fair prospects. United company have suspended work for the season.

At the head of these two gulches (high up in the mountains) a strong company are pushing a tunnel through the bed-rock to tap a quartz lode at a depth of about 90 feet from the surface. Should the lode prove as rich as the croppings indicate, we may reasonably hope for good results from this enterprise.

WHIP SAW GULCH.

The Discovery Company are still continue to get good prospects. There are several other companies sinking shafts and running tunnels, so that in the course of a few weeks I have no doubt but a number of strikes will be made, as this gulch seems to be thought more favourable than any of the numerous unprospected gulches on this side of the mountains.

About four miles below Whip Saw another gulch has been staked off during the past week called Island Gulch, of which little or nothing is yet known, but a number of companies have laid in their winter provisions, and commenced sinking shafts, and intend prospecting during the winter, and it is the general opinion that it will turn out much the same as Mosquito and Red Gulches.

Prospecting is being carried on vigorously on Wilson and Enreka Gulches and Tom Creek, all of which I will give you further particulars in some future communication.

A MINER.

Row BETWEEN WAGGONERS.—Billy Barlow, who drives a vehicle which he terms "a puggy" between this city and Esquimalt town, appeared in the police court yesterday to prosecute George Francis, also a "puggy" driver, whom he accused of having assaulted him. Mr. Ring appeared for Francis and Billy told his "tale of woe."

Yoc see, Shudge, yesterday I trives down to Esquimalt mit mine horses and puggy; and Francis he shakes his fist mit mine face and strikes me mit his hand on mine mouth.

Mr. Ring—Where is the mark?
Witness—There, on mine mouth.

Mr. Ring—I can't see it.
Witness—Can't see it! Well, I poth sees it mit mine eyes and feels it mit mine prain. (Laughter)

The Magistrate—What was the quarrel about.

Witness—What wash't it all about? Well, you see, Shudge, I just dells you all the adory. Shorge, he wanted to trive down some American hossiers in Villiums' 'pus, and I had engaged tem to go down mit me. Well, I drives into the Colonial Hotel mit mine horses and puggy (laughter) and I says "shentlemen, you wants to go down?" and von of tem says, "Yah!" and I says, "Mit me?" and he says, "Mit you!" Den I say, "Goom on, I'm ready." And just as say was gooming, Shorge he stops in and says, "You don't go mit that man, you goes mit Villiums' 'pus." De next day I sees Shorge at 'Squimalt, and I say, "What for you interferences mit mine load to oder night." And den he strikes me mit his fist, and I don't say nothin' at all. (Laughter)

The accused, who denied that he struck Barlow, said that all he did was to ward off a blow that Barlow aimed his head. The case stands over.

St. Andrew's Society.—At a meeting of the St. Andrew's Society, held on the evening of Thursday last, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Mr. J. G. Shepherd, President; Mr. J. R. Stewart and Mr. James Lowe, Vice-Presidents; Messrs J. G. McKay, Jas. Strachan, A. F. Main, Thos. Lowe and Robt. Wallace, Managers; The Rev. Thos. Somerville, M. A., Chaplain; Dr. Trimble, Physician; Dr. Tolmie, Treasurer; Mr. J. Burns, Secretary; Messrs Johnston, Wilkie and McLean, Committee on Accounts and Installments. This is the third year of Mr. J. G. Shepherd's presidency, and we are glad to know that, although many of the members of the Society have left the past year, the Society is still in a flourishing state. We are extremely sorry to learn that the Society will lose the services of their late highly efficient Secretary, Mr. David B. Blair, who after discharging the duties of the position for a period of four years in a manner that has given entire satisfaction, has declined a re-election, it being his intention to leave the Colony for a brief period. The annual dinner of the Society is advertised for the evening of Saturday, the 30th inst., at which all good Scotchmen should make a point of being present.

LUGGS NATURAL.—At the Willows, Oxboro Bay, may be seen a pig with head, tail and hind feet resembling an English mastiff, while the forelegs and body are unmistakably porcine, the offspring of a sow, which, at the same time, gave birth to a well-formed, perfect "piggy." Can this deformed pig claim affinity with the pig-faced lady of London celebrity?

THE FIDELITY reached Portland last evening, at 7 o'clock.

THE DEBT OF ENGLAND.—From Parliamentary returns just issued it appears that the total debt of the United Kingdom on the 31st of March last was £769,551,004, involving an annual charge of £25,890,422, and showing a reduction of debt during the past 12 months of £3,772,225, but an increase of charge of the amount of £93,470. The unfunded debt amounted to £7,956,800, of which £5,655,800 consisted of Exchequer bills, involving a charge of £1,199,750, and £2,300,000 of Exchequer bonds, involving a charge of £87,250. Compared with the preceding year, the unfunded debt shows a reduction of £230,900. Of the Exchequer bonds, £700,000, bearing 3½ per cent. interest, become payable on the 8th of November next, and £1,000,000, at 4 per cent., on the 27th of March next, and £600,000 at 3½ per cent., on the 18th of March, 1889. The total amount of the national debt, funded and unfunded, is £777,497,804.—London Times.

SALE OF THE NEW WORLD STEAMER.—A dispatch from Olympia yesterday announces the sale of the Puget Sound Mail Steamer New World to the owners of the steamer Eliza Anderson. The effect of this change will be to raise the rates of passage and freight between this port and ports on Puget Sound. No doubt the rates have been too low, since the fierce opposition commenced; but there is reason in all things, and if the present owners of the New World increase the rates beyond a figure that is fair and reasonable, they will again arouse a popular feeling of indignation, and draw forth another vigorous and determined opposition. We trust the lesson taught by the past will not be forgotten in the future.

A COAL SHIP SUNK.—Mr. Wm. Smith, who arrived in town yesterday from Bellingham Bay, W. T., informs us that the ship Gem of the Ocean, 1000 tons burthen, bound from San Francisco for Bellingham Bay to take in a cargo of coals, struck a rock on the Northwest end of Cyphus Island, near Oros Island, and sunk in four fathoms of water. All hands were saved and are now guarding the ship. The owners at San Francisco were telegraphed to from Bellingham Bay. There were 350 tons of ballast aboard the ship at the time of the disaster. The vessel was fully insured.

THE NEWSMAN don't like to hear New Westminster spoken against as a site for the capital. He thinks that, next to Victoria, it has the prettiest site of any "city" on the coast. The Newsman used to live at New Westminster. He once "cast his lot" there; that is, he bought a "lot" and put up a house for \$600. The house and lot are now in the market at a tithe of their cost. Until they are disposed of, perhaps our cotemporary may be excused for speaking highly of the "site." But when he has deluded some poor devil into taking them off his hands—!!!

H. M. S. MALACCA.—Admiral received from the Coast of Mexico state that this unlucky ship has been again aground, and that she has sustained very serious injury. It will be remembered that the Malacca ran on the Fraser Sands some months ago. The shoal where she struck is since known as Malacca Shoal.

INDIAN WHISKEY VENDORS.—Louis Boudrier and John Goudie were brought before Mr. Pemberton, by officer McMillan, yesterday, charged with supplying spirits to Indians. Boudrier said he was not guilty and was remanded, while Goudie pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 or three months.

THE HOSPITAL BENEFIT.—Mr. Marsh, the manager of the theatre publishes a statement of receipt and expenditure at the late benefit to the Royal Hospital. We think the manager properly treats the mean and libellous insinuation of the News with silent contempt.

ARRIVAL.—A laden bark was observed entering Esquimalt harbor last evening, shortly before dark. She is supposed to be either the bark Byzantium, from London, or the ship Mercara, from Liverpool.

It is thought that a steamer bound for Alaska from San Francisco will touch at Victoria on her way north in about four weeks from date.

At WORK.—The Executive Council was in session at New Westminster for two days last week. The "mountain is in labour," at last, it seems.

NEW WINTER FASHIONS.—Received by steamer at Victoria House, direct from Paris the Latest Novelties in Ladies' Trimmed Bonnets and Hats, Girls' and Infants' Hats and Bonnets, Genoa Velvets, Bismarck and other new Silks, Flowers and Feathers, Kid Gloves, Black and Colored Velvet Ribbons, etc., etc.

An efficient French Milliner has also just arrived from Paris to assist in the Millinery Department.

LONDON HOUSE.—J. H. Turner & Co. have received fine Cloths, consisting of Beavers, West of England Broad and Doeskins, Tweeds, Woters, Kerseys, etc., and a full assortment of Hosiery of the best make of Balbriggan, together with a large stock of new goods for Fall and Winter Trade.

MARTIN LUTHER once thought he saw the devil in his chamber, and threw an inkstand at his head. Had they had in those days AYER'S PILLS to exercise all the devils that come from a disordered stomach, his laughable fright would not have become a matter of history.

NEW HATS AND CLOTHING!—Brunn & Co. having purchased a large invoice of clothing, consisting of 500 pairs French Casimere Pants and 300 Coats and Vests, at a great discount for cash, they offer the same, together with their well-selected stock of fine and heavy clothing, hats, caps and gentlemen's furnishing goods, at such low prices as will benefit one and all. Remember the place—BRUNN & CO.'s, corner Yates and Langley streets, Victoria, B.C. Greenbacks taken at San Francisco rates.

FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of John's street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

of the performance given at the Theatre Royal on the evening of Nov. 26th, by the Amateurs of H.M.S. Zealous, for the benefit of the Royal Hospital.

Dress Circle and Parquette—Tickets sold at \$1	\$110 00
Pit Tickets sold at 50c each, 175	87 50
Secured seats at \$1 25	11 25
Half price 174 Tickets at 25c, 18	4 50
Admission Hastings' Box	\$213 25
Four 50c tickets returned to exchange for Parquette and Dress Circle, \$2 00; 2 reserved seats for Mr Croker, \$2 00—\$1 60	10 00
The cash receipts being actually	\$218 75
Expenditure	103 87
Balance in favor of Hospital	\$94 88

EXPENDITURE.

Omnibus hire for bringing Band and men from Esquimalt and back—3 journeys, average \$5 per trip	\$15 00
Printing and Advertising	16 00
Cash to Band for supper, \$1 each, \$14	14 00
Cash to performers of the Zealous, 10 of them at \$1 each	10 00
Carpenters cutting trap on stage	6 50
Repairing flats, mill wheel, &c.	3 00
Sails, screws, bolts, and edged tools	2 50
Charles Williams, copying parts in favor and performing	10 00
Arranging music and expenses of Mr Edwards	7 00
Cost of Zealous' force and property	7 00
J. H. O'Neil	10 00
Doorkeepers, 3 at \$1 each	3 00
Distributing programmes	1 00
Hire of Furniture	2 50
Hire of Chairs	2 00
Drayage of chairs, furniture and baggage to and from the theatre	3 50
Ticket seller in box office	2 50
Colors and glue for painting a scene	3 50
Three days' services, painting scenes and properties, of self and George Marsh	00 00
21 lbs candles, 5c; bread, meat, tea and property, \$2 00	2 75
Port and Cart hire for stage use only	1 75
Firewood, \$1; crockery, 50c; powder, 25c; soap, 1c; water, 25c	2 37
Bellingham	1 50
Expenses, while rehearsing, for refreshments, amounting to considerable, not charged	\$153 87

A MAN in Massachusetts sends Italian queen bees by mail to various parts of the country. In sending them he uses a small cylinder of wire cloth, about as large and as long as a man's finger, in each end of which he places a stopple which has a large hole in it, and in the hole he places pieces of sponge filled with honey. A queen bee with eight or ten other bees are then placed within the cylinder, a wrapper put around it with several holes cut in it, and it is ready to be sent off by mail. They find a ready market at from \$3 to \$5 each.

When a sportsman fires into a convey of partridges he makes them quail.

O Men Gathered up!

HEYWOOD'S PORK SAUSAGE.

ELIXIR OF LIFE.—Mr Heywood, of the Yorkshire Market, has commenced for the season to make his celebrated Pork Sausage, manufactured from the very best of Island fed Pork—clean and pure as the snow that fell on Diana's lap—Oh, get out! Everybody buys them, because they are good. Now mind, be sure and make no mistake; it is in the fire-proof Brick Store, next door to the Old Original Chisery Stand.

Heywood's New Sugar-Cured Hams and Breakfast Bacon for sale shortly.

If you wish the very best CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS, you must call on BRADLEY & ROLFSON, 429 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Functional Disorders.—Who would be well must see that every organ of the body does its duty fully and fairly, which every one may certainly insure by occasionally resorting to these Pills, or by taking a course of them, according to the printed directions on each box. Stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are all reached by their purifying and corrective qualities, and any departure from their natural action is strenuously resisted, and order and regularity enforced. Health may always be preserved by attentive obedience to Holloway's directions, and by using his medicines as directed by them. All obstructions will by this means be removed, the blood will be purified, and its free and faultless circulation established. 33 no19 1w

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Wife of one of the leading statesmen of England, says: "I have duly received the case of MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER, which you were kind enough to send me. I have tested its merits, and find it a most delightful perfume, more delicate and flower-like in its aroma than any other toilet preparation I have before used."

Purchasers should be particular to ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lanman & Kemp, New York, who are the sole proprietors of the genuine perfume. 541 no19 1w

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It is the best preservative against almost any sickness, used timely. Composed of herbs only, it can be given safely to infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with every package. TRY IT! For sale at all the wholesale and retail drug stores and groceries.

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